

On motion of Senator Williams, a bill to create the county of Hopkins, was taken up.

First, Second, and Third amendments of the House concurred in; Fourth amendment rejected, and Senators, Williams Bagby, and Scott, appointed a committee of conference on the part of the Senate.

On motion, the Senate adjourned, until tomorrow 10 o'clock A. M.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
WEDNESDAY, March 18, 1846. }
10 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment—roll called, and a quorum present.

Journals of the preceding day, were read and adopted.

On motion of Senator Wallace, the vote was re-considered which appointed a committee of Conference on a bill to create the county of Hopkins.

Senator Scott, Chairman of committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, a joint resolution concerning the protection of the frontier.

Senator Bourland, Chairman of the committee on County Boundaries, reported the following bills without amendments and recommended their passage:

A bill to create the county of Comal.

A bill to establish the county seat of the county of Comal.

A bill to enable the County Surveyor of Rusk county, make a complete map of said county.

Senator Hogg, Chairman of the Judiciary committee, whom was referred a bill to organize Justices' Courts, reported by substitute. Substitute adopted.

Senator Jewett, on behalf of the Select committee appointed for that purpose, introduced a bill to vest in the State escheated property, which was read 1st time.

On motion of Senator McKinney, 25 copies were ordered to be printed.

Senator Bagby introduced the following bills:

A bill for the benefit of religious societies in this State; read 1st time.

A joint resolution regulating appeals to the Supreme Court; read 1st time.

Senator Cuney introduced a bill to organize the first Judicial District; read 1st time.

A bill to secure the rights of volunteers in the Naval service, to their bounty lands, being the special order of the day, was taken up and re-committed to a Select committee, consisting of Senators Williams, McKinney and McNeel.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Serjeant-at-Arms.

Senator Bourland nominated Mr. Highsmith.

Senator McKinney nominated Mr. Pipkin.

Senator Wallace nominated Mr. Ward.

Senator Phillips nominated Mr. Thurmond.

On the third balloting, Mr. Highsmith having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

A bill defining the duties of Comptroller of public accounts of the State of Texas; was read 3d time and passed.

A bill to organize the county of Burleson; read 3d time and passed.

A bill to define the boundary of Brazoria county; read 3d time and passed.

A bill to create a new county out of part of the counties of Gonzales, Victoria and Goliad, to be called the county of De Witt; read 3d time and passed.

A bill to create the county of Anderson; read 3d time and passed.

A bill to define the boundary of the county of Fort Bend; read 3d time and passed.

A bill to create the county of Guadalupe; read 3d time and passed.

A bill to locate the county seat of De Witt county; read 3d time and passed.

A bill to provide for fixing the county seat of Austin county; read 3d time and passed.

A bill to create and organize the county of Panola; read 2d time—amended and passed to 3d reading.

A bill to authorize and require the Judge of Probate of Jackson county, to permit the administration of the estate of Pinckney Caldwell, to be removed to Austin county; read 2d time and referred to Judiciary committee.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue patents on scrip sold in New Orleans, where

the same has been located in two surveys; read 2d time and referred to committee on Public Lands.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to correct errors in field notes; read 2d time and referred to committee on Public Lands.

A bill to authorize the Corporation of the city of Galveston, to levy a tax for the support of free schools; read 2d time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue to Horatio M. Hanks and Simpson Holloway, a certificate &c.; read 2d time and laid on the table.

Senator Parker, Chairman *pro tem.* of committee on Finance, reported a bill regulating proceedings against persons accountable for public monies, without amendments, and recommended its passage.

Senator Wallace offered the following amendment: insert in section 2d, after the word "suit" "upon proof of such failure."

On motion the bill was laid on the table.

Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1846. }
10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment—roll called and a quorum present—

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Senator Scott, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined a bill to authorize the corporation of the city of Galveston to levy a tax for the support of free schools; and find the same correctly engrossed.

Senator Hogg, Chairman of the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred a bill defining the duties of Attorney General of the State of Texas, reported the same with the following amendments:

In section 1, fifth line, strike out the word "shall" and insert after the word "also" in same line the word "to."